

Minister in Europe

Pack your bags, we're Europe bound with Euro Team! Join other LU alumni on a special two-week work project departing May 15, 1998. Space is limited and on a first come basis. Call the Alumni Office at 800-259-ALUM or (903) 233-3670 for more information.



James Luke Benton was born 12/3/96. Son of Kristen (ACCT '93) and Allen Benton (ATBS '93).



Michael (DT '94) and Gidget "Kulp" (DT '93) Hawley announce the birth of a daughter, Virginia Elizabeth, on 10/9/97. She joins brother Jeffrey.

Kenneth (ME '93) and Michelle Bechtold announce the arrival of Jacob Aaron on 9/16/96. He is their first child and was born in Freeport, Ill.



Jessica Renee Herr, born 7/27/97, is the daughter of Bridget "Kulp" ('94) and Peter Herr (ATET '95).

Michael Aran (ATFL '95) married Jessica Gazsi on 6/14/97 in Haverhill, Mass. They currently live in Greenville, S. C.

Donna Barker ('95) graduated in 5/97 from Williams Baptist College in Arkansas. She is attending the University of Indianapolis studying for her doctorate in psychology, as well as teaching at the Chapel Hill Christian School.

Jared Bonner (MTAT '95) is now a flight test engineer for Learjet, Inc. in Wichita, Kans. He has been in Toronto, Canada, working at Bombardier Inc. on the new Dash 8-400.

Laura Quigley ('95) married Christopher Hill on 6/7/97 in Tyler, Tex.

Jon (WE '95) Rupert now works for NACCO Materials Handling Group Inc. as a welding engineer.

Dale (ME/WE '95) and Stephanie Weathington (ACCT/BUBS '95) are living in Taipei, Taiwan, for the next three years. Dale is working for Rubbermaid Inc., Graco Asia Division.

Joel Armstrong (WT/JM '96) and Courtney Woodall (BUBS '97) were married 9/13/97 at Moberly Baptist Church in Longview, Tex.

Jeff Curl (ATFL '96) is now working for MVP Aero Academy and living in Cleveland, Tex.

Terry Gregory (BM '96) received a two level promotion this past May. Terry lives in Mesquite, Tex., where he is the manager in supplier management at GTE Communications Corporation.

Mike Menard (BUBS/ATBS '96) is now the director of operations at the Warrenton Airport in Va.

Steve Rundus (ME '96) is now the ascent mission engineer for United Space Alliance in Houston.

Henry Soderlund (ATBU '96) is working as an A&P mechanic for Cessna at the Citation Service Center in Wichita, Kan. He is also doing some flight instruction at the Employee Flying Club.

Nathan J. White (MT/AU '96) is now working for Halliburton Energy Services in Anchorage, Alaska.

Chung Baik (EE '97) is living in Chicago and working for Motorola, Inc. as an electrical module engineer for Ford Powertrain Division.

Dale Crowmover's (BM '97) company, Texas Nameplate, was a recent recipient of two 1997 "Dallas Enterprise Awards for Best Business Practices." The company was honored for "Motivating and Retaining Employees" and for "Customer Satisfaction." Scott Weber (BM '97) is the company's chief financial officer.

Lisa Diane Hoover (BM '97) died 6/13/97. She was a design engineer and was studying for a law degree at the University of Northern California.

David L. Nelson (ATFL '97) married Jennifer Bumpus (EE '97) on 8/16/97 in Halifax, Mass.

Jennifer A. Newton (EN '97) is now pursuing a master of arts degree in English at Baylor University in Waco.



Andrew C. Pritz (ATFL '97) married Amy G. Henson on 8/2/97 in Longview, Texas.



Bryan Benson

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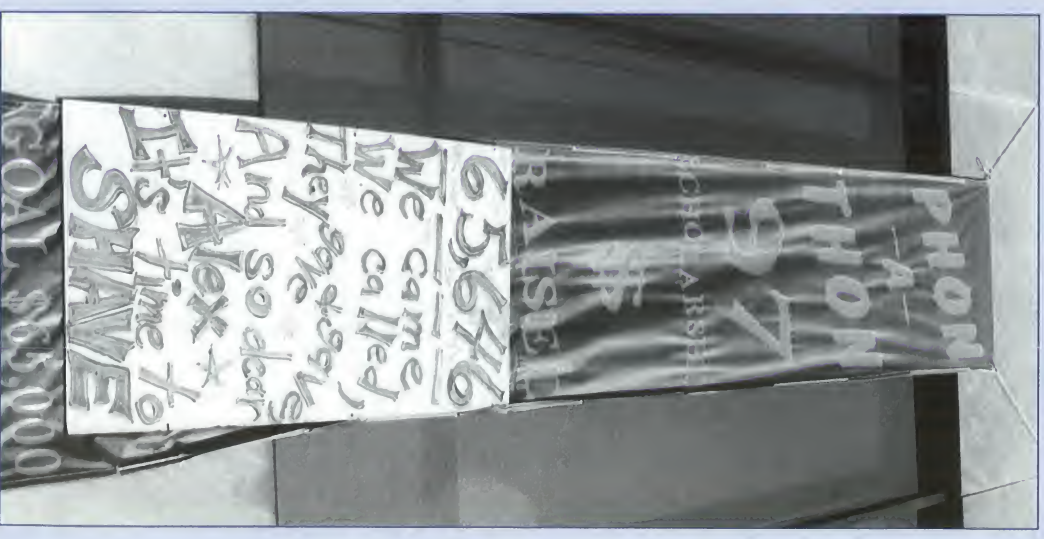
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Thank you my alumni brothers and sisters for making a difference in the lives of our student body. Your words of encouragement, your prayers and gifts will make an indelible impression on the lives of Phonathon '97 scholarship recipients.

Feel compelled to contribute more than originally pledged? You will have the Lord's permission and blessing!



A banner hanging from the Memorial Student Center tells it all: The \$65,000 fund raising goal for the 1997 Alumni Phonathon was met and surpassed. The reference, "Alex...it's time to shave" refers to a pre-phonathon promise by Assistant Dean for Student Life, Alex Alexander, who promised to have his head shaved if the Phonathon goal was met.

PHONATHON '97 BLESSINGS!

I wish each of you could have been present with me on the 3rd floor of the MSC to observe the sights and sounds of Phonathon '97. Words cannot describe the radiant smiles on the student callers' faces when you alumni connected with them, sharing significant happenings in your life.

Students excitedly shared with me your vivid descriptions of cherished memories of your days on campus you so freely shared with them. Society members renewed bonds of friendship linking them as house brothers.

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LeTourneau University HOMECOMING '97

Join us for
HOMECOMING 1997,
November 6 - 9

We've planned our most unique homecoming program ever. The theme is "Mysteries and Memories." The highlight of the weekend is a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater production of Agatha Christies' "The Mousetrap," one of the greatest mysteries of all time. But that's just Saturday night... we've got activities all through the weekend, including special chapels, golf, basketball games, reunions and more. We're especially honoring the classes of '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, and '92, but every alum is invited.

For more information and reservations, call Kendall Harper, Alumni Secretary, at (903) 233-3670 or 1-800-259-ALUM.

HOMECOMING

1997

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

10:30 am
Alumni Chapel -
Assembly Building,
Rob Bryant
(BM/MBA '93) -Guinness
Book Record Holder

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

10:30 am
Alumni Chapel -
Assembly Building,
Mark Calkins
(LET/ATBS '77) - Around-
the-World Speed
Record Holder

Noon
BBQ at Woodhollow
Golf Course - \$8

1 pm
Alumni Golf Tourney -
Woodhollow Golf
Course
Walk: \$15, w/Cart: \$25

4 pm
1997 NCCAA Champion
Lady Jackets
Basketball

8 pm
Men's Basketball
Tournament -
Solheim Center

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

9 am
Singles Tennis
Tournament

9:30 am
Alumni Brunch -
Solheim Center

10 am-2 pm
Bookstore Open

TBA
Campus Seminars

5 pm
Reception for Dorm 40
and "Fooders" Alumni

6 pm
"The Mousetrap" Dinner
Theater \$12 -
Assembly Building

Honoring Classes of
'52, '57, '62, '67, '72,
'77, '82, '87, '92

8 pm
Men's Basketball
Tournament -
Solheim Arena

SUNDAY, NOV. 9
8 - 9 am
Farewell Breakfast -
Dining Hall, Pay in line \$4

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997: Can You Pass This Quiz?



John Martin

- Under the new tax law, the maximum capital gains tax rate is:
 - 25%
 - 20%
 - 28%
 - Any of the above, depending on the type of property and/or holding period.
- From a tax accounting standpoint, the best property to use to fund an outright charitable gift is:
 - Marketable securities held between 12 and 18 months.
 - Marketable securities held more than 18 months.
 - Cash.
 - The minimum holding period to qualify for long-term capital gains tax treatment in 1998 is:
 - 12 months
 - 18 months
 - 60 months
- The property that will result in the greatest capital gains tax savings, if donated, is:
 - Marketable securities held between 12 and 18 months.
 - Marketable securities held more than 18 months.
 - Commercial real estate that has been subject to straight-line depreciation.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 was passed by Congress by an overwhelming majority. The new law is the first major tax cut legislation in 16 years, and it provides most taxpayers with significant tax cuts. Families, homeowners and investors stand to benefit the most. That's good news. In addition to other provisions pertaining to education, child tax credit and expanded IRAs, this legislation retains these important tax incentives for making charitable gifts:

- There is no change in the amount of charitable gifts which can be deducted from taxable income each year.
- Excess deductions can still be carried forward to future tax years.

- Securities, and certain other property, which has increased in value, are still deductible at full current value.
- Capital gains tax that would otherwise be due on the sale of donated property can still be completely avoided.
- There is still no limit under federal law on the amount that can be left to charitable interests through an estate.

However, a more intricate aspect of the new law, may affect decisions about which property to give, and the timing of your gifts. For example, the law introduces a new, lower capital gains structure with rates of 20%, 28% or 39.6%, depending on the type of property, how long it has been held and your own tax bracket. As a result of the bracketed rates, special care should be taken when deciding what assets to give. You may realize the greatest tax savings by giving securities and certain other properties held for more than one year but less than 18 months.

While setting records for the size of tax cuts, the new law does little to simplify the tax code.

The answers to the quiz are: 1-D, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A

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